

Minutes
MORRIS COUNTY WOMEN' ADVISORY BOARD
September 21, 2017
Board Room, Morris View Healthcare Center
540 West Hanover Ave., Morris Township

Members Present: Allison Delcalzo-Berens, Gayle Pearson, Elaine Muller, Gayle Pearson, Pam Bennett-Santoro, Shelby Rhodes, Patti Page

Absent: Carole Harper

Guests: Jennifer Carpinteri, Joann Bjornson, Russ Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Pam Bennett-Santoro.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 1, 2017 were accepted.

Old Business

Human Services Report

Jen reported the Division of Mental Health and Addition Services would be moved to the Dept. of Health as of October 1, 2017. Larry Ragonese will ask the Freeholders for a proclamation for Domestic Violence Month

Leanna Brown Memorial Tree & Award

Jen said the tree will be planted in the Spring 2018. Freeholder Cathy Di Fillip will let us know when.

A discussion was held about creating an award in Leanna Brown's name. It was suggested it be given in March for National Women's History Month. Shelby and Allison will work on the selection criteria. Patti Page, a friend of the family, will guide the committee in the creation of the award.

Stakeholders Meeting Followup

Jen will get the minutes from the meeting for the committee.

New Business

Sheriff and Warden from Morris County will be at the Nov. 16th meeting. Jen arranged their attendance. Gayle will contact Patty Sly from Battered Women's Shelter to see if they are involved with the women at the MC Jail.

Guest Speakers

Russ Hall, Chair of the Morris County Housing Alliance
Spoke about the purpose of the alliance and the housing needs of Morris County residents.

Joann Bjornson, Director of Family Promise of Morris County

Spoke of the shortage of housing for people using federal subsidies.

Shelby who is a realtor in Morris County brought up statistics that bore out Joann's claims. It was arranged that Shelby and Joann would organize a meeting of the service providers and realtors to help speed up the placement process and develop better lines of communication.

Yearly Report

In anticipation of the annual report to the Freeholders there was a discussion of the Advisory Committee's Mission and what has been accomplished to date.

Announcements

There were none

The next meeting will be November 16, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Muller, Secretary